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those distribution of funds you will note that there are significant increases for the mental retardation region here in Lincoln and no increase, I believe, for the mental retardation region in Omaha and virtually no increase for any other mental retardation region in the State of Nebraska. I think the method and the manner of the distribution of these mental retardation funds is questionable, at best, and I had prepared an amendment to more equally distribute those funds but I will not offer that because I know there are not sufficient votes to do so. But I would hope next year there will be a more equitable distribution of those funds and I will be taking a more careful look at the funding of mental retardation services in the State of Nebraska and next year I certainly will not allow this type of distribution to go as unchallenged as it has to this point in time. So I will pull my amendments now but I did wish to register my extreme disappointment with the Appropriations Committee action in this regard and I will vote against LB 628.

SPEAKER NICHOL PRESIDING

SPEAKER NICHOL: We are about ready to start on the next bill but before we do Senator Von Minden has some guests from his district in the North Balcony. Their teachers Dan Boeshart, Gayle Klinker, secretary Darlene Otken and 36 seventh grade students from Emerson-Hubbard Public Schools. Three of the students are foreign exchange students, two from Brazil and one from Denmark. Would you please stand and be recognized by the Legislature. Thank you. Proceed on LB 628.

CLERK: (Read LB 628 on Final Reading.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: . . . introduce a couple of groups in the north balcony. Senator Sieck has some guests in the north balcony, they are 28 fourth and fifth grade students from St. Johns Lutheran School in Seward, Nebraska. Mr. Lacinda Beckman their teacher. Would you please stand and be recognized. And, also Senator Withem has guests in the north balcony, 58 Park View students in the fourth grade from Omaha, Nebraska. Their teachers are Jill Gleason, Susan Nithers and something Butler, I can't read it, but anyway please stand and be welcome, would you. I might briefly explain that you are listening to Final Reading which is necessary because of our Constitution. It says that all bills must be read in their entirety before passage. So that is what you are listening to now. You may not be able to listen as fast as the men talk, but it is kind of fun, isn't it. Continue, Mr. Clerk. Yes, also several of you